

SC Arts Commission
Board of Commissioners Meeting
held at
The Gibbes Museum
Charleston, SC
Thursday, May 23 – Friday, May 24, 2002

Members present	Pat Wilson, Pam Harpootlian, Carolyn Govan, Carrie Burns Brown, Patrick Van Huss, Noble Cooper
	Virginia Self and David Stinson arrived at 10:20 a.m.
Members absent	Connie Williams
Staff present	Harriett Green, Marion Draine, Clay Burnette, Ken May, Susie Surkamer, Rusty Sox
Call to order	Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.
Approval of Minutes	Ms. Wilson asked for corrections or changes to the minutes of February 20 and May 8, 2002. There were none.
Motion	Dr. Cooper moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Govan seconded. The motion was approved.
Community Tour Guidelines Revisions	Ken May reviewed proposed changes for the Community Tour guidelines.
Motion	Ms. Harpootlian moved to approve staff recommendations for changes to Community Tour. Dr. Cooper seconded. The motion was approved.
Verner Awards Policy Revisions	Marion Draine reviewed proposed changes to the Verner Awards policy. Discussion followed, during which the board agreed to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change the waiting period from 5 to 10 years for Verner recipients to be eligible to receive the award again.• Delete items A and B in Section 7 and add wording stating that nominees must be living at the time of nomination in order to be eligible.
Motion	Dr. Cooper made a motion to accept the recommended revisions to the Verner Awards policy, incorporating the discussed changes. Ms. Harpootlian seconded. The motion was approved.
Operational Support	

Grant Program Revisions	Ken May and Susie Surkamer reviewed proposed changes to the Operational Support Grants program. Discussion followed.
Guest Presentation	Mary Jane Jacobs, Spoleto Visual Arts Curator, arrived at 12:15 to tell the board about the Visual Arts offerings during this year's Spoleto Festival.
Lunch	The board adjourned for lunch at 12:40 and reconvened at 1:30. Mr. Stinson was absent from the afternoon session.
Motion	Dr. Cooper moved that the board go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Ms. Govan seconded and the motion was approved.
Executive Session	The board met in executive session from 1:35 –1:45 p.m. No votes were taken.
Motion	Mr. Van Huss moved to return to the general meeting. Ms. Self seconded, and the motion was approved.
Guest Presentation	Emmanuel Villaume, Spoleto Music Director, arrived at 2:35 to tell the board about this year's opera and other musical offerings during the Spoleto Festival. Mr. Villaume departed at 2:55.
Continue Op. Support Grant Program Revisions	The board continued its discussion of recommended changes to Operational Support grants, which members agreed to take up again at 8:00 a.m. the following morning.
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. for a tour of Visual Arts sites.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2002

Members present	Pat Wilson, Pam Harpootlian, Virginia Self, David Stinson, Carrie Burns Brown, Patrick Van Huss, Noble Cooper. Carolyn Govan arrived at 10:10 a.m.
Members absent	Connie Williams
Staff present	Susie Surkamer, Ken May, Marion Draine, Rusty Sox. Harriett Green arrived at 8:35 a.m.
Call to order	Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Continue Op.
Support Grant Pro-
gram Revisions

The board continued its discussion from the previous day regarding revisions to Operational Support grants. Board members agreed that the following points should be added to the proposed revisions:

- Review criteria would include collaboration and partnerships.
- Add considerations of geographic distribution, discipline distribution, and cultural diversity to the funding approach.

Motion

Ms. Brown made a motion to accept the staff recommendations for revisions to Operational Support, with the discussed changes. Ms. Self seconded the motion.

Discussion

Discussion on the motion followed.

Vote on the motion

The motion was approved.

Ms. Surkamer thanked the board members for their earnest deliberations and hard work on the matter of Operational Support. She explained that the changes would next be given to a panel of constituents for their feedback. Board members are invited to attend those meetings.

Conflict of Interest
Policies

Ms. Surkamer reviewed the proposed Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy for SCAC staff and proposed revisions to the existing COI Policy for SCAC board members.

Regarding the board policy, members noted the need to change wording in Section 9 (3 year waiting period to 2 year waiting period) and reflect the change in the Verner Awards policy.

Members suggested changing wording in Section 12 to: “A Commissioner shall resign from all boards...”

Motion

Dr. Cooper moved to accept the Conflict of Interest policies for staff and board, with the recommended changes. Mr. Stinson seconded, and the motion was approved.

Chairman’s Report

Ms. Wilson reported that since the last board meeting she:

- Had worked with the Legislative Arts Caucus to plan and fundraise for “The Roots of R&B” street party at Piccolo Spoleto. She encouraged members and staff to attend.

- Chaired the Art Sale Committee for the SC Arts Foundation's highly successful Verner Luncheon and Art Sale.
- With Susie Surkamer and Sara June Goldstein, recently had breakfast with Margaret Skove, new director of the Columbia Museum of Art.
- Asked Connie Williams to serve on the planning committee for the NASAA annual meeting in Charleston, scheduled for December 2003.

Commissioners' Reports

- Dr. Cooper represented the board before the Senate Finance Subcommittee during its recent agency budget hearings. He also attended the SC Book Festival & Antiquarian Book Fair.
- Ms. Harpootlian updated members on her work with Cultural Visions.
- Mr. Van Huss attended the Southern Arts Federation Retreat.

Executive Director's Report

- Ms. Surkamer alerted members to the Grantmakers in the Arts meeting coming up in October. Members interested in attending should let her know.
- Ms. Surkamer informed board members that the SCAC had been selected as the only state in U.S. to participate in a project with NASAA and Young Audiences which focuses on a software program linking artists with teachers.

Guest Presentations

Nigel Redden, General Manager of Spoleto Festival USA, and Ellen D. Moryl, Director of Cultural Affairs, City of Charleston, arrived at 10:00 a.m. to update the board on this year's festivals.

Sandra Gibson, President and CEO of Arts Presenters, arrived at 10:15 to give the board an overview of her organization and its goals.

Adjourn

There being no other business, Ms. Brown moved to adjourn. Ms. Govan seconded, the motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.